

Remarks

The examiner's reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments above and comments which follow.

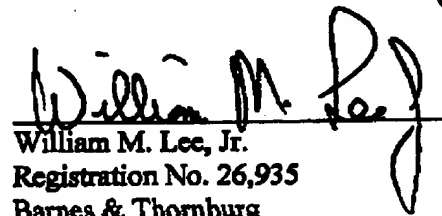
Turning first to the requirement for restriction, the applicant elects Group II, consisting of claims 68 and 73 - 75. The claims of Group I have been indicated above as being withdrawn, except that two of the claims have been cancelled to reduce the number of claims in the application.

In addition, new claims 76 and 77 are set forth above. They are dependent upon the claims of the elected group. With the cancellation of two claims from the application and addition of two claims, there is no additional fee required.

Examination of the elected group is now awaited.

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